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TO : Executive for A & M

FROM : Assistant General Counsel

DATE: 10 March 1948

SUBJECT: Proposed Treasury and Post Office Appropriation Bill, 1949.

1. Attention is called to the proposed Appropriation Bill for the Treasury and Post Office Departments as reported to the floor by the House Appropriations Committee.

2. Attention is particularly called to that portion of the Bill commencing on line 10, page 21, which states that no part of any money appropriated by this or any other Act shall be used during the fiscal year 1949 for the purchase of any typewriters within the United States except billing and bookkeeping machines.

3. Attention is called to the remaining portions of this section of the Bill on pages 21 and 22 which require the reporting to the Bureau of Federal Supply the total number of typewriters in the Agency and the surrendering of surplus typewriters.

4. Attention is also directed to the section of House Report No. 1532, attached herewith, commencing on page 13 on the subject of typewriter purchases.

5. If this proposed section is approved in the House and Senate, the following problems may arise affecting this Agency, and should be considered:

a) Has CIA sufficient typewriters to cover their prospective needs for fiscal year 1949? If not, should a stockpile be obtained? This is particularly important in connection with typewriters which may be needed for overseas shipment.

b) Will the Bureau of Federal Supply request figures on the number of typewriters in the possession of the Agency, and in connection therewith request the number of stenographers on duty to strike a ratio?

c) What steps should be taken to make certain we need not discuss our overseas typewriter needs with the Bureau of Federal Supply?

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